

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

EARLY STAGE ENTERPRISES, L.P.

Defendant.

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Civil Case No. 063940(MLC)

Receivership Order

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ORDER OF RECEIVERSHIP UNDER 15 U.S.C. § 687c

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 687c of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the "Act"), this Court hereby takes exclusive jurisdiction of EARLY STAGE ENTERPRISES, L.P. ("Early Stage"), and all of its assets and property, of whatever kind and wherever located, and the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA") is hereby appointed Receiver (the "Receiver") of Early Stage to serve without bond until further order of this Court. The Receiver is appointed for the purpose of continuing the operations of Early Stage and satisfying the claims of creditors therefrom in the ordinary course of business.

2. The Receiver shall have all powers, authorities, rights and privileges heretofore possessed by the officers, directors, managers and general and limited partners of Early Stage under applicable state and federal law, by the Limited Partnership

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Agreement, and By-Laws of said limited partnership, in addition to all powers and authority of a receiver at equity, and all powers and authority conferred upon the Receiver by the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 687c and 28 U.S.C. § 754. The trustees, directors, officers, managers, employees, investment advisors, accountants, attorneys and other agents of Early Stage are hereby dismissed and the powers of any general partners are hereby suspended during the pendency of the receivership. Such persons and entities shall have no authority with respect to Early Stage's operations or assets, except to the extent as may hereafter be expressly granted by the Receiver. The Receiver shall assume and control the operation of Early Stage and shall pursue and preserve all of its claims.

3. The Receiver is entitled to take immediate possession of all assets, bank accounts or other financial accounts, books and records and all other documents or instruments relating to Early Stage. The past and/or present officers, directors, agents, managers, general and limited partners, trustees, attorneys, accountants, and employees of Early Stage, as well as all those acting in their place, are hereby ordered and directed to turn over to the Receiver forthwith all books, records, documents, accounts and all other instruments and papers of and relating to Early Stage and all of Early Stage's assets and all other assets and property of the limited partnership, whether real or personal. Early Stage's general partner shall furnish a written statement within five (5) days after the entry of this Order, listing the identity, location and estimated value of all assets of Early Stage, a list of all employees (and job titles thereof), other personnel, attorneys, accountants and any other agents or contractors of Early Stage, as well as the names,

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addresses and amounts of claims of all known creditors of Early Stage. Within thirty (30) days following the entry of this Order, the general partner of Early Stage shall also furnish a written report describing all assets. All persons and entities having control, custody or possession of any assets or property of Early Stage are hereby directed to turn such assets and property over to the Receiver.

4. The Receiver shall promptly give notice of its appointment to all known officers, directors, agents, employees, shareholders, creditors, debtors, managers and general and limited partners of Early Stage, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the operation of the receivership. All persons and entities owing any obligation, debt, or distribution with respect to a partnership interest to Early Stage shall, until further ordered by this Court, pay all such obligations in accordance with the terms thereof to the Receiver and its receipt for such payments shall have the same force and effect as if Early Stage had received such payments.

5. The Receiver is hereby authorized to open such Receiver's accounts at banking or other financial institutions to extend credit on behalf of Early Stage, to utilize SBA personnel, and to employ such other personnel as it may deem necessary to effectuate the operation of the receivership including, but not limited to, attorneys, accountants, consultants and appraisers, and is further authorized to expend receivership funds to compensate such personnel in such amounts and upon such terms as the Receiver shall deem reasonable in light of the usual fees and billing practices and procedures of such personnel. The Receiver is not required to obtain Court approval

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prior to the disbursement of receivership funds for payments to personnel employed by the Receiver or for expenses that the Receiver deems advantageous to the orderly administration and operation of the receivership. In addition, the Receiver is authorized to reimburse the SBA for travel expenses incurred by SBA personnel in the establishment and administration of the receivership. The Receiver may, without further order of this Court, transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any claim or asset in the ordinary course of business, other than real estate.

6. Early Stage's past and/or present officers, directors, agents, attorneys, managers, shareholders, employees, accountants, debtors, creditors, managers and general and limited partners of Early Stage, and other appropriate persons or entities (including without limitation, the defendant's portfolio of small business concerns and financial institutions doing business with defendant and/or defendant's portfolio of small business concerns) shall answer under oath to the Receiver all questions which the Receiver may put to them and produce any documents as required by the Receiver regarding the business of said limited partnership, or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the receivership or the collection of funds due to Early Stage. In the event that the Receiver deems it necessary to require the appearance of the aforementioned persons or entities, the Receiver shall make its discovery request(s) in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

7. The parties to any and all civil legal proceedings of any nature, including, but not limited to, bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions,

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default proceedings, or other actions of any nature involving Early Stage or any assets of Early Stage, including subsidiaries and partnerships, wherever located, and excluding the instant proceeding, involving Early Stage, the Receiver, or any of Early Stage's past or present officers, directors, managers, agents, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise, are enjoined from commencing or continuing any such legal proceeding, or from taking any action, in connection with any such proceeding or any such asset. All civil legal proceedings of any nature, including but not limited to bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or other action of any nature involving Early Stage or any assets of Early Stage, including subsidiaries and partnerships, wherever located, and excluding the instant proceeding, involving Early Stage, the Receiver, or any of Early Stage's past or present officers, directors, managers, agents, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise, are stayed in their entirety, and all Courts having any jurisdiction thereof are enjoined from taking or permitting any action until further Order of this Court. Further, as to a cause of action accrued or accruing in favor of Early Stage against a third person or party, any applicable statute of limitation is tolled during the period in which this injunction against commencement of legal proceedings is in effect as to that cause of action.

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8. Early Stage and its past and/or present directors, officers, managers, general or limited partners, agents, employees and other persons or entities acting in concert or participating therewith be, and they hereby are, enjoined from either directly or indirectly taking any actions or causing any such action to be taken which would dissipate the assets and/or property of Early Stage to the detriment of Early Stage or of the Receiver appointed in this cause, including but not limited to destruction of corporate records, or which would violate the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 661 *et. seq.*, or the regulations promulgated thereunder, ("Regulations"), 13 C.F.R. § 107.1 *et. seq.*

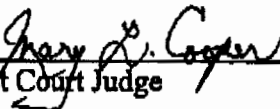
9. The Receiver is authorized to borrow on behalf of Early Stage, from the SBA, up to \$1,000,000.00 and is authorized to cause Early Stage to issue Receiver's Certificates of Indebtedness in the principal amounts of the sums borrowed, which certificates will bear interest at or about 10 percent per annum and will have a maturity date no later than 18 months after the date of issue. Said Receiver's Certificates of Indebtedness shall have priority over all other debts and obligations of Early Stage, excluding administrative expenses of the Receivership, whether currently existing or hereinafter incurred, including without limitation any claims of general or limited partners of Early Stage.

10. This Court determines and adjudicates that Early Stage has violated the Act and the Regulations, as alleged in the Complaint filed against Early Stage in the instant action. After the foregoing activities are completed, the Receiver may submit a report to

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the Court recommending that Early Stage's SBIC license be revoked or for such other further relief as may be required under the Act and applicable regulations.

SO ORDERED this 4th day of Oct., 2006.



U.S. District Court Judge

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